

MESA: QUICK FACTS

With a population of nearly 500,000, Mesa is the 38th largest city in the U.S., 3rd largest in Arizona, and 2nd largest in the Phoenix-Mesa metro area. Larger than Miami, Minneapolis, Atlanta and St. Louis, Mesa covers 133 square miles inside a 21-city region with a population of 4.3 million, projected to be 6 million by 2030.

Year Incorporated	1883
Elevation	1,255'
Cost of Living Index	94.0
Average High/Low Temperature	88 / 56
Median Age	34.4
Average Household Income	\$61,064
Number of Mesa Households	171,269

POPULATION

	2013	(Projected) 2018	(Projected) 2010-2015
Population			
Mesa	453,679	490,278	
Arizona	6,572,000	7,205,700	
Pop. Growth	1990-2000	2000-2010	2010-2015
Mesa	35.5%	16.6%	9.75%
Arizona	40.0%	31.4%	11.4%

Mesa Population by Age

Age	2013
15-34	127,424
35-54	112,382
55-74	84,542
75-85+	32,199

Source: SitesUSA, 2013

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Within a 30-Minute Drive of Downtown Mesa
580,000+ professionals, 37.6% (age 25+) with an associate's degree or higher.

Associate's Degree	7.5%
Bachelor's Degree	19.2%
Graduate's Degree	10.9%

Source: Sites USA, 2013

AVAILABLE LABOR FORCE

	Mesa	Phx Metro
Labor Force	350,472	3,336,226
Unemployment Rate	6%	6.2%

Source: Sites USA, 2013, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Within a 30-Minute Drive of Downtown Mesa

Population	2,449,104
Households	918,374
Labor Force (16+)	1,890,616

Source: Sites USA, 2013

MESA'S LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Mesa Public Schools	9,621
Banner Health Systems	7,353
Boeing	4,086
City of Mesa	4,086
Maricopa Community Colleges	1,951
Gilbert Unified School District	1,087
Maricopa County	944
Aviall Inc.	842
West Direct II, Inc.	800
Empire Southwest	650
Mountain Vista Medical Center	530
Salt River Project (SRP)	505
Veolia Transportation	494
TRW	406

Source: Reference USA, MAG Employer Database, Hoover's, 2013

AIRPORTS

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport

- Allegiant Air flies to 34 destinations nationally.
- Private aircraft and air cargo service
- By 2030, projected to serve 10 million total passengers
- Three runways
- 300 acres of developable land available
- Fastest growing airport in the U.S.

Falcon Field

- 5th busiest general aviation airport in the U.S. and second busiest in Phoenix-Mesa metro area.
- 700+ aircraft based at Falcon Field with 190,000+ flight operations.
- On-airport facilities for aviation businesses, 120 acres available for development.
- FAA air traffic control tower

Sky Harbor International Airport

- 15 minutes from Mesa
- 1,500+ daily flights serving 100 domestic and 16 international cities.

INDUSTRIES OF OPPORTUNITY

Mesa has a diverse business community with strong competitive advantage and opportunity in the following industry clusters.

Healthcare	Technology
Education	Tourism
Aviation/Aerospace	

TRANSPORTATION

Mesa is easily accessed via a robust freeway system including Interstate 10, State Highway 60, Loops 101 and 202, and State Route 24. Mesa is also part of the Phoenix-Mesa metro area light rail system with stops going into Downtown Mesa.

QUALITY OF LIFE

Golf Courses

Mesa hosts 40 golf courses, most within a half-hour drive of downtown; more than 200 in the surrounding Phoenix-Mesa metro area.

Arts and Culture

Home to Mesa Arts Center, The Southwest's largest urban art and entertainment campus featuring 14 artist studios, five galleries, and four theaters on seven acres; Arizona Museum For Youth, the first museum dedicated to youth and art in the U.S.; and Arizona Museum of Natural History, the state's largest repository for fossils found in the Southwest.

Performing Arts Groups

Mesa is home to Symphony of the Southwest, the Millennial Choir and many other performing arts groups and theatre troupes. In the Phoenix-Mesa metro area you'll also find the Phoenix Symphony, Arizona Opera and many ballet, dance and theatre troupes.

Major League Baseball Spring Training

Since 1952, Mesa is the annual host to the Chicago Cubs for Spring Training baseball and is building new facilities for the Cubs that will open Spring 2014. Starting 2015, the Oakland A's will also call Mesa home for Spring Training. The Phoenix-Mesa metro area is home to a large number of teams playing in the Cactus League providing fans with some of the best Spring Training baseball in the nation.

Professional and College Sports

The Phoenix-Mesa metro area hosts the Arizona Cardinals, Phoenix Suns, Arizona Diamondbacks, Phoenix Coyotes, Arizona Rattlers, and many other major and minor league teams. The area is also home to Arizona State University's Sun Devils and Grand Canyon University's Antelopes, both NCAA Division I schools.

Outdoor Recreation

55 Parks; 13 public pools; miles and miles of hiking and biking trails; quick access to major lakes and rivers for boating and water sports; close proximity to mountain areas for hunting, fishing and camping; vast numbers of organized recreational sports leagues.

Restaurants and Nightlife

More than 3,000 restaurants, eateries, nightclubs, microbreweries, and pubs of all types, styles and price points.

Resorts and Hotels

60+ hotels and resorts, combined total of close to 5,000 rooms and on-property meeting space ranging from 200 to 10,000 square feet.

Mesa Convention Center

Located on 22 acres of mature parkland, features include 19,000 square feet of exhibit space along with an additional 19,000 square feet of flexible meeting space; 15 meeting rooms offer a wide variety of sizes and configurations.

Rainfall and Sunshine

Average yearly rainfall (inches)	7.74
Average yearly days of sunshine	325
-- more than San Diego or Miami Beach.	

RANKINGS

Phoenix-Mesa metro #1 in nation for economic growth. – *Brookings Institute*, 2013

Arizona ranked #2 for workforce. – *CNBC*, 2013

Arizona ranked 6th best for business. – *Chief Executive magazine*, 2013

Phoenix-Mesa metro #8 for top sustainable metros. – *Site Selection magazine*, 2013

RECENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apple coming to Mesa. 700 manufacturing jobs, 1,300 construction-related jobs.

Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport generates record annual \$1.3 billion annual economic impact.

Matheson Gas, a subsidiary of one of the world's largest suppliers of industrial, medical and electronic gases, breaks ground in Mesa for \$40 million large capacity air separation facility.

Bridgestone Americas breaks ground on new biorubber process research center in Mesa.

Able Engineering relocates to Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport, opens 191,000 sq. ft. facility employing 350.

Grand Canyon University announces constructions of new campus in Mesa, a \$150 million investment.